

Frank Riggs is a former three-term (six-year) United States Congressman who represented California's First Congressional District (the North Coast, Wine Country and Northern San Francisco Bay Area) from 1991-93 and again from 1995-1999 in the 102nd, 104th and 105th Congresses. While in Congress, Riggs served on the House Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning and on the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and chaired the House Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families in the 105th Congress. In the latter capacity, Riggs was the principal House author of the federal special education law (IDEA) and the updated Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act, and the lead author and sponsor of the Charter School Expansion Act of 1998 providing federal start-up grants to newly formed charter school organizations. Riggs' congressional service afforded him the opportunity to serve on the three congressional subcommittees with jurisdiction and oversight responsibility for preK-20 federal education policies, programs and funding.

According to the Heritage Foundation, "Representative Riggs spearheaded many cutting edge initiatives like school choice and charter schools." He was also recognized for his dedication to children with disabilities and by the National Head Start Association as "Legislator of the Year." Mr. Riggs, an Army veteran, former police officer, and past school board president of the Windsor, CA School District and Connections Academy of Arizona, holds a Bachelor of Arts in Administration of Justice, summa cum laude, from Golden Gate University in San Francisco and received the University's 'Associates Award' as the outstanding graduate in the College of Business and Public Administration.